



MEDIA INVITE

TO : ALL MEDIA
DATE : 16 January 2013
ATTENTION : NEWS EDITORS/REPORTERS AND PR WIRE

MEC MCHUNU TO ACCOMPANY FAMILIES AS THEY MOURN THE DEATH OF EIGHT IN A TAXI CRASH

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will tomorrow (17 January 2013) accompany the families to a memorial service following the untimely death of eight people from the road crash that occurred in the early hours of Sunday 6 January 2013 in Balfour on the boundary of Gauteng and Mpumalanga.

Reports reveal that, a taxi was travelling from Okhukho to Johannesburg. The victims were returning to work from home after the Christmas holidays and others to look for jobs in Johannesburg. It is alleged that the taxi lost control and overturned. Eight people died on the scene including a nineteen year old boy who had just completed his matric. Others including the driver were taken to the nearest hospital with serious injuries.

Mchunu is expected to be joined by the local leadership, interfaith leaders, senior departmental officials, the families of the victims and the community of Zululand.

DETAILS OF THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

DATE : **17 January 2013**
VENUE : **Okhukho Stadium**
TIME : **09H00**

Media is invited to attend

Ends

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